

Glendale City Council Meeting Agenda

October 02, 2007 2:30 p.m.

City Council meetings are telecast live at 7:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Repeat broadcasts are telecast the second and fourth week of the month – Wednesday at 2:30p.m., Thursday at 8am, Friday at 9:00am, Saturday at 2pm, Sunday at 9a.m. and Monday at 1:30p.m. on Glendale Channel 11.

Welcome!

We are glad you have chosen to attend this City Council meeting. We welcome your interest and encourage you to attend again.

At City Council meetings, the Mayor and Council take official action. They adopt Resolutions, which express the policy of the city or direct an administrative action, and they adopt Ordinances, which become laws or fulfill legal requirements. Administrative matters, such as the awarding of contracts and bids, are approved. Public Hearings, which are held specifically to obtain citizen input, are also conducted at these Council sessions.

How to Participate

The Glendale City Council values citizen comments and input. If you wish to speak on a matter concerning Glendale city government that is not on the printed agenda, please fill out a Citizen Comments Card located at the back of the Council Chambers and give it to the City Clerk before the meeting starts. The Mayor will call your name when the Citizen Comments portion of the agenda is reached. Because these matters are not listed on the posted agenda, the City Council may not act on the information during the meeting but may refer the matter to the City Manager for follow-up.

Public Hearings are also held on certain agenda items such as zoning cases, liquor license applications and use permits. If you wish to speak or provide written comments about a public hearing item on tonight's agenda, please fill out a Public Hearing Speakers Card located at the back of the Council Chambers and give it to the City Clerk before the meeting starts. The Mayor will call your name when the public hearing on your item has been opened.

When speaking at the Podium, please state your name, if you live in the City of Glendale, and if so the Council District you live in and present your comments in five minutes or less.

Council Meeting Schedule

The Mayor and City Council hold Council meetings to take official action two times each month. These meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Regular meetings are held in the Council Chambers, Glendale Municipal Office Complex, 5850 W. Glendale Ave.

Agendas may be obtained after 4 p.m. on the Friday before a Council meeting, at the City Clerk's Office in the Municipal Complex. The agenda and supporting documents are generally posted to the city's Internet web site, www.glendaleaz.com.

Questions or Comments

If you have any questions about agenda items, please call the City Manager's Office at (623) 930-2870. If you have a concern you would like to discuss with your District Councilmember, please call (623) 930-2249, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Form of Government

The City of Glendale has a Council-Manager form of government. Legislative policy is set by the elected Council and administered by the Council-appointed City Manager.

The City Council consists of a Mayor and six Councilmembers. The Mayor is elected every four years by voters city-wide. Councilmembers hold four-year terms with three seats decided every two years. Each of the six Councilmembers represent one of six electoral districts and are elected by the voters of their respective districts (see map on back).



For special accommodations, please contact the City Manager's Office at (623) 930-2870 at least one business day prior to this meeting. TDD (623) 930-2197.

Si necesita traducción en español, por favor llame a la oficina del Administrador del Ayuntamiento de Glendale, (623) 930-2870, un día hábiles antes de la fecha de la junta.

Councilmembers

David M. Goulet - Ocotillo District
H. Philip Lieberman - Cactus District
Steven E. Frate - Sahuaró District
Joyce V. Clark - Yucca District
Yvonne J. Knaack – Barrel District



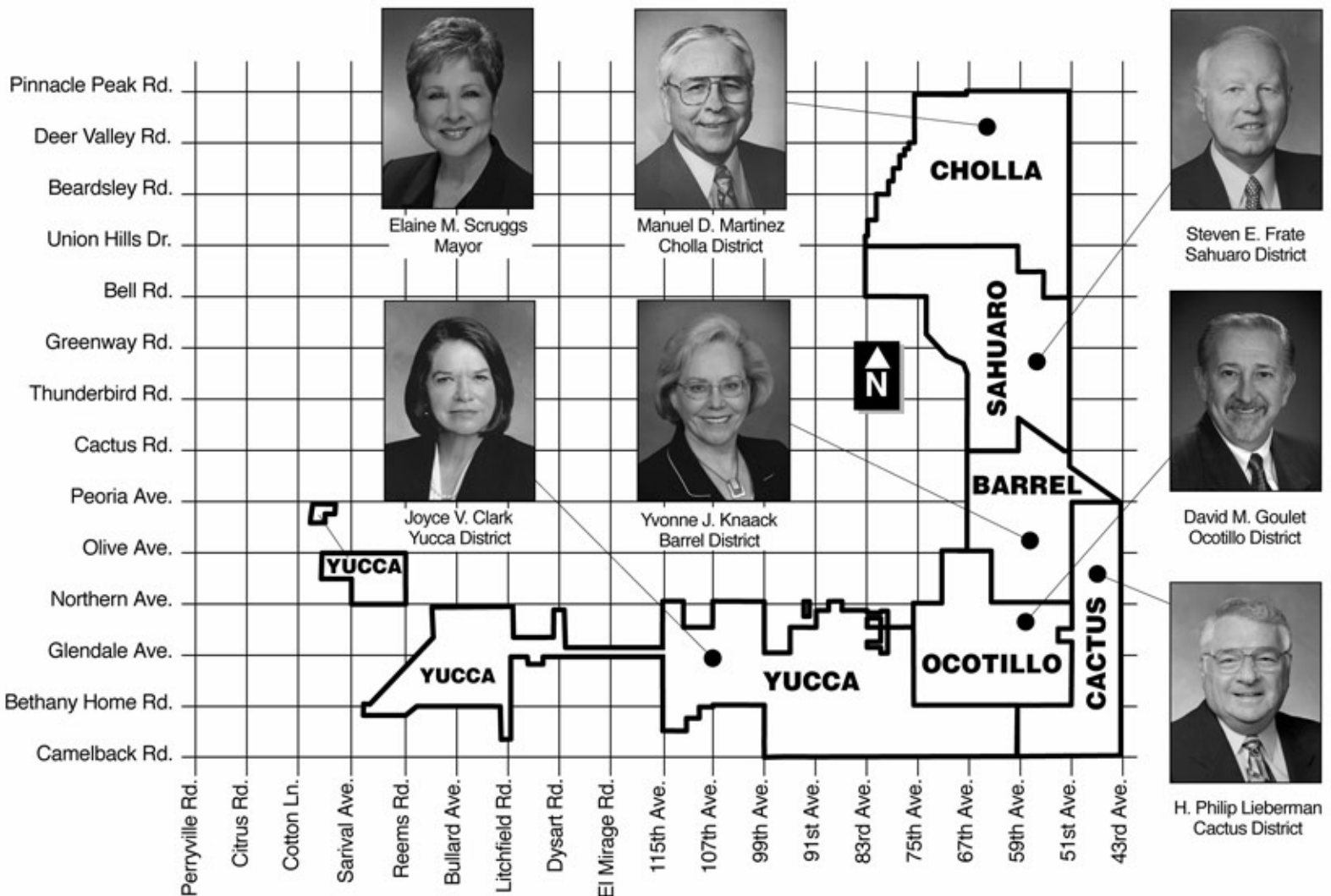
MAYOR ELAINE M. SCRUGGS
Vice Mayor Manuel D. Martinez - Cholla District

Appointed City Staff

Ed Beasley – City Manager
Craig Tindall – City Attorney
Pamela Hanna – City Clerk
Elizabeth Finn – City Judge



Council District Boundaries





GLENDALE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP SESSION
Council Chambers – Workshop Room
5850 West Glendale Avenue
October 02, 2007
2:30 p.m.

WORKSHOP SESSION

1. [INDEPENDENT FACILITATOR FOR APPOINTED OFFICIAL EVALUATIONS](#) – 30 MINUTES
2. [REGIONAL PARATRANSIT STUDY CONDUCTED BY THE REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY](#) – 30 MINUTES

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

This report allows the City Manager to update the City Council about issues raised by the public during Business from the Floor at previous Council meetings or to provide Council with a response to inquiries raised at previous meetings by Council members. The City Council may only acknowledge the contents to this report and is prohibited by state law from discussing or acting on any of the items presented by the City Manager since they are not itemized on the Council Workshop Agenda.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. LEGAL MATTERS
 - A. The City Council will meet with the City Attorney for legal advice, discussion and consultation regarding the city’s position in pending and contemplated litigation, including settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation. (A.R.S. §§38-431.03 (A)(3)(4)).

2. PERSONNEL MATTERS

A. Various terms have expired on Boards and Commissions. The City Council will be discussing appointments involving the following Boards and Commissions. (A.R.S. §38-431.03 A.1)

1. Ad-Hoc Event Advisory Committee
2. Arts Commission
3. Aviation Advisory Commission
4. Board of Adjustment
5. Citizen Bond Election Committee
6. Citizens Advisory Commission On Neighborhoods
7. Citizens Bicycle Advisory Committee
8. Citizens Transportation Oversight Commission
9. Commission On Persons With Disabilities
10. Community Development Advisory Committee
11. Historic Preservation Commission
12. Housing Advisory Commission
13. Industrial Development Authority
14. Judicial Selection Advisory Board
15. Library Advisory Board
16. Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
17. Personnel Board
18. Planning Commission
19. Public Safety Personnel Retirement System/Fire Board
20. Public Safety Personnel Retirement System/Police Board
21. Risk Management/Worker's Compensation Trust Fund Board

3. PROPERTY & CONTRACTS

- A. Discussion and consultation with the City Attorney and City Manager to receive an update, to consider its position, and to provide instruction and direction to the City Attorney and City Manager regarding potential property acquisition in the city center area. (A.R.S. §§38-431.03(A)(3)(4)(7)).
- B. Discussion and consultation with the City Attorney and City Manager to consider its position, and provide instruction/direction to the City Attorney and City Manager regarding Glendale's position in connection with the possible purchase of property located at approximately 99th and Bethany Home Road, which property is the subject of negotiations. (A.R.S. §§ 38-431.03 A(3)(4)(7))

- C. Discussion and consultation with the City Attorney and City Manager to receive an update, to consider its position, and to provide instruction and direction to the City Attorney and City Manager regarding contractual agreements related to development of the Glendale Spring Training Facility. (A.R.S. §§38-431.03(A)(3)(4))

Upon a public majority vote of a quorum of the City Council, the Council may hold an executive session, which will not be open to the public, regarding any item listed on the agenda but only for the following purposes:

- (i) discussion or consideration of personnel matters (A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(1));
- (ii) discussion or consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection (A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(2));
- (iii) discussion or consultation for legal advice with the city's attorneys (A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(3));
- (iv) discussion or consultation with the city's attorneys regarding the city's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation, or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation (A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(4));
- (v) discussion or consultation with designated representatives of the city in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations with employee organizations (A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(5)); or
- (vi) discussing or consulting with designated representatives of the city in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property (A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(7)).

Confidentiality Requirements Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (C)(D): Any person receiving executive session information pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02 shall not disclose that information except to the Attorney General or County Attorney by agreement of the City Council, or as otherwise ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.



CITY OF GLENDALE

Council Communication

Workshop Agenda

10/02/2007

Item No. 1

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Ed Beasley, City Manager

PRESENTED BY: Yvonne Knaack, Councilmember, Barrel District

SUBJECT: **INDEPENDENT FACILITATOR FOR APPOINTED OFFICIAL EVALUATIONS**

Purpose

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This is a request for City Council to review further information and details regarding the process, expectations, and costs to establish an independent facilitator for appointed official evaluations. Implementation of this process will result in a mutually acceptable process between Council and appointed officials that clearly communicates goals and expectations, encourages mutual responsiveness, and reflects a specific time frame for accomplishing the review. This process includes the City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk. The Presiding City Judge, while appointed, is reviewed under a procedure established by the Arizona Supreme Court and was therefore excluded from consideration in this process.

Council Strategic Goals or Key Objectives Addressed

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The use of an independent facilitator for appointed official evaluations addresses each of the Council Strategic goals that are relevant to the individual appointed official.

Background

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At the May 1, 2007 Council Workshop Councilmember Knaack asked that the special interest item of establishing independent facilitation of appointed official evaluations in local municipalities be researched. At the August 21, 2007 Council workshop, Councilmember Knaack presented the findings of the research. At this time the Council indicated their interest in pursuing the opportunity of having an independent facilitator oversee the annual evaluations of the city's appointed officials. Additionally, Mayor and Council requested further information from staff be presented at a future workshop to include details regarding the process, expectations, and costs to establish an independent facilitator for appointed official evaluations.

Previous Council/Staff Actions

A memorandum dated August 7, 2007 to Mayor and Council titled Council Item of Interest: Independent Facilitator for Appointed Officials Evaluations was presented at the August 21, 2007 Workshop.

Community Benefit

The process of independent facilitation of appointed official evaluations offers a system that provides for a non-subjective review with a broad range perspective of pertinent issues and goals set by Council. This allows for objectivity in evaluating each appointed official independently; standardization of process and measurements; effective review and evaluation of accomplishments; development of future goals and objectives; and, advisory compensation information.

Budget Impacts & Costs

The approximate range of costs for the entire process would be \$5,000 to \$10,000 for each appointed official. Dependent upon the facilitator selected, much of the information gathering could be conducted via telephone interviews or other surveying methods. If the facilitator were required to attend more than one session, the costs would likely increase accordingly. This fee would include development of the process; preparation of information; evaluation mechanism and standards; and, an established timeline of activities to conduct the review.

Policy Guidance

Staff is seeking guidance from the Council on the implementation of a process for independent facilitation of appointed official evaluations.



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10/02/2007

Item No. 2

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Ed Beasley, City Manager

PRESENTED BY: Cathy Colbath, Transit Administrator
Jessica Blazina, Intergovernmental Programs Director

SUBJECT: [REGIONAL PARATRANSIT STUDY CONDUCTED BY THE REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY](#)

Purpose

This is a request for City Council to provide guidance on the Regional Paratransit Study being conducted by the Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA). This study was initiated by the RPTA to examine issues involving paratransit service in the valley. The study reviewed existing local paratransit services such as Dial-A-Ride, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) transit service, and presents a plan for regionalizing paratransit services.

Council Strategic Goals or Key Objectives Addressed

- One of Council's goals is to provide high quality services for citizens. Providing transportation options within the city will assist in achieving this goal.

Background

- Glendale Transit offers several transportation options. The combination of services offered provided rides to nearly 2.5 million people in Glendale last year. These services include:

- Fixed route and express bus services
- Glendale Urban Shuttle (GUS)
- Taxi-subsidy for certain medical trips
- Maricopa County Special Transportation Services (STS)
- Dial-A-Ride (DAR)
- Transportation services required under the ADA

The ADA is a federally mandated paratransit service required to be provided within ¾ of a mile of fixed route bus service to persons with a disability which prevents them from using a fixed route bus.

- In October 2006 the RPTA contracted with TranSystems to conduct a study of existing paratransit programs in the region and to identify potential benefits and challenges to implementing a regional paratransit program. The study was to address issues including aging population needs, increasing ADA demands, transfers, and the possibility of regionalizing certain facets of service to contain costs.
- The paratransit services offered by Glendale were assessed by the consultant. In summary of the system review the consultant reported “The Glendale DAR and ADA services appear to be well managed, high quality, and operated efficiently. On-time performance and ride times are exemplary. Accident rates and complaint rates are very low. No ADA trip requests are denied and about 98.6% of non-ADA DAR trips requests are accommodated.”
- As part of the process input was gathered from staff and the public throughout the region. Several meetings were held which resulted in a regional paratransit model being selected which proposes creating a regional call center and divides the valley into three sub-sections: east, central and west. In this proposed system model some passengers may have to transfer however most would not.
- The item was presented at the September 2007 RTPA Board meeting for discussion. As part of a separate item (RPTA Strategic Plan), an action was taken authorizing the RPTA to become the lead agency to regionalize ADA paratransit, dependent upon approval of local city councils.
- The RPTA Board will be asked in October 2007 to accept the consultant’s recommendation for regional paratransit service.

Community Benefit/Impact

- Participating in a regional service may provide residents using a regional ADA service the ability to travel outside Glendale without needing to transfer, and will provide consistent service policies. However, regional service could limit the ability of residents to travel on the day of service requested as same day service will not be guaranteed. Additionally, ADA fares will increase.
- Participating in a regional system will result in loss of direct service control. The RPTA will administer and operate the program through separate contracts with private providers. Therefore citizen complaints will not be handled at the local level.

Public Input

- The study information was presented to the Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee on September 6, 2007 for information only. Comments included concern for difficulty experienced by residents needing to transfer and concerns about potential loss of quality of service and costs impacts by participating in a regional system.

Budget Impacts

The cost estimates provided to-date are based on a cost allocation method different from the method proposed to be used once a regional system is implemented. The consultant states estimates using the preferred cost allocation method have not been provided since the process to determine those estimates would be difficult and time consuming.

Additionally, current cost estimates presume ADA eligible riders will use the regional service. However, ADA eligible riders may prefer to use Glendale's non-ADA service due to lower cost, high customer service and responsiveness. In that case, the cost of providing non-ADA service in Glendale could be impacted. These cost impacts have not been addressed by the study.

Valley cities receive financial reimbursement for ADA service through the RPTA. While this reimbursement falls short of current ADA costs incurred in Glendale, other cities receive funding amounts over their actual expenses. Glendale and any city whose ADA allocations fall short of actual service costs would be responsible for the cost overages but would have limited control of the regional service.

Policy Guidance

Staff is requesting guidance from Council to continue working with RPTA to refine the study prior to considering the cost and service delivery impacts of participation in a regional paratransit system.